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COUNTRY Mozambique

SUBJECT Beira; Ore Conveyor and Loading Rates/Labor/Dredging

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- Ore Conveyor and Loading Rates: A C-3 cargo ship loaded five thousand tons of chrome ore, 2065 tons of copper ore, and four hundred tons of general cargo in seven days time. This is believed to be the minimum time required at this port. A total of five days was needed to load the chrome ore, four thousand tons of which was loaded by means of the new conveyor in four days. The ore could still be loaded as quickly with buckets or tubs as it could by the conveyor. Though the conveyor has not lived up to expectations, it is capable of loading chrome ore at rates varying from one thousand tons per day to two thousand tons, depending upon whether or not the ore is at the ore dump. The belt is two-feet wide and runs about half a mile across a marshy field to the dump, on shore. It can handle lumps of ore up to one foot in diameter, but a six-inch diameter is considered best. There are presently only two cranes at the dump for loading the ore onto the belt, but it is probable that more bucket cranes will be added later. The two cranes in operation now lift buckets capable of holding about a ton each of chrome ore.
- Labor: The working day at Beira is 18 hours long, but the trimmers work around the clock.
- Dredging: The new dredger was not observed at Beira. It had been moved north to Chinde where it would be used to dredge the Zambezi River Delta to a depth of 12 feet.
- New Construction: No new construction was observed at the time of this report.

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